

Unified Command
Multnomah County, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Health Authority
Portland metals emissions

Incident Management Team Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 3-4 PM
Notes
DRAFT

Administrative handling: For Official Use Only

Prepared by: Eric Gebbie, OHA Incident Manager

Present:

DEQ: Marcia Danab, Nina DeConcini, Sue Rizon (spelling?), Jennifer Flynt, Sarah Armitage, Aaron Borisenko

Multnomah County: Joanne Fuller, Paul Lewis, Jae Douglas, Julie Sullivan-Springhetti, Andrea Hamberg, Matt Hoffman

OHA: Jonatha Modie, Lillian Shirley, Julie Black, Bretty Sherry, Julie Early-Sifuentes, Jeff Carlson, Collette Young, Stephanie Ringsage

Other: Zach Klonoski, Mayor's office, Judy Smith, EPA

Updates by objectives:

End use of metals of concern by companies

Companies said will stop using arsenic and put on pollution control. Lot of work going on to talk other options. Changes almost week to week. Only Bullseye.

Pollution control: Will DEQ have to approve that? Unclear. Not sure how long it will take. Heard that could be 16 weeks to install pollution control. Have discussed source/stack testing, but company doesn't want to until after pollution controls installed. Means that after adopt risk based permitting program, if they still have pollution, DEQ could still require more.

Air monitoring

All four monitors around Bullseye up and running. Couple issues where lost data but functioning. Timeline for air data: Available for OHA around 8:30 AM tomorrow.

Air: Have maps of locations of where air monitors? Yes, have available.

Soil testing

Completed yesterday in north Portland from both locations, awaiting QA/QC, beginning to look at reports. When will it be given to OHA? Plan to have publicly available March 7. Could get to OHA and Multnomah County by end of this week. Any way data can be deciphered by public health before it goes in report? OHA: Good to have it at least in a spreadsheet. Data release week of March 7 should mean it is public ready and consumable. OHA: Can take data as soon as sure the numbers won't change.

How many locations tested in northeast? Three locations in each subgroup (Kindercare, Powell Park, Fred Meyer; did grid in Powell Park). North Portland: Grid in Albina Park, sample at Ronald McDonald House where grow vegetable garden, daycare near glass factory.

Can DEQ provide map of where sampling was done? Critical for public health analysis. DEQ lab working on GIS.

Are you taking splits, doing controls, homogenizing samples? Are some splits, not 100%. Depending on metal, are doing some homogenizing, particularly when comes to chromium analysis.

Inform citizens about interpreting own test results

Have asked ATSDR about developing it.

Dealing with additional hot spots

Hotspots near Sandy & 52nd and near Precision Cast Parts. DEQ only has so much hardware. Those are the next two in line. Communicated with mayor in Milwaukee about Precision Cast Parts. Based on Forest Service moss maps, any other potential directions would go on it? Moss data is raw and would need Forest Service to do more sophisticated analysis. Raw moss data shows lead hotspot on Columbia Blvd.

Cully area has also sent requests for monitoring near them.

Do whole suite or just test for metals shown on the hot spot maps? Do whole suite.

Will DEQ write up a plan and public information? After work out Forest Service data's meaning, will commit plan in writing.

Discussion about the need to have/share a plan to develop a plan, so people see we have plan to make progress.

Moss data: Asking USFS to broaden message about maps and they have committed to getting message out. Maps are creating concern.

Messaging around additional monitoring? Was in DEQ letter to Governor.

Urine testing for cadmium

OHA is starting to get data. Meeting tomorrow about data management.

Lot of discussions about limits of detection [how sensitive different tests are to presence/amount of cadmium]. Developing something can share with clinicians, reviewing with toxicologists, clinicians and then JIC.

Need to decide if need to request CDC come and do their special testing. IC will need to decide if that's what we need.

Requests for support from federal agencies

Need to decide what kind of help ask CDC/ATSDR for? Need health risk assessment group to decide on scope. Talked to them. They are concerned about using convenience sample of urine data. Might point to doing more systematic study. Who is on the call tomorrow with ATSDR? Call is just to talk about scope that might go beyond role of OHA's usual cooperative agreement. If it looks like the request will expand beyond the usual cooperative agreement, will then include more of unified command. Mult: before final decision made, review plan with Multnomah. OHA agreed.

Are we requesting an Epi Aid? Came up because of request from legislative delegation but not quite ready to request.

Communications:

Moved regular JIC meeting to Monday, Wednesday, Friday meeting schedule. Debriefed yesterday about hearing. Reviewing communications related to testing, urine testing, funding for testing. Creating communications map of who to talk to about what. Concerned about overwhelming those people with too many calls/emails.

Community meeting requests: Forming group with one person from each agency to coordinate. Talking with mayor's office to channel requests through ONI.

Will be active in adding to and updating interagency FAQ document. Getting updated FAQ reposted each Wednesday.

Have final past timeline. Getting it to governor's office.

Translation: We do still need it for many documents.

County and OHA inundated by people whose primary providers have referred them back to county. All insurers we've talked to cover it without prior approval. At a point it's a decision between person and their healthcare provider.

OHA will notify Medicaid recipients that they can have testing paid for.

Incident Action Plan updates

Julie Black, section chief: Will see new format of Incident Action Plan on Friday, splitting up objectives and tasks. Sticking with weekly operational periods. Incident Managers will go to all their personnel on Thursdays for updates for next week. Sitstat will be produced weekly about where we are. The Incident Action Plan (IAP) will show where we're going.